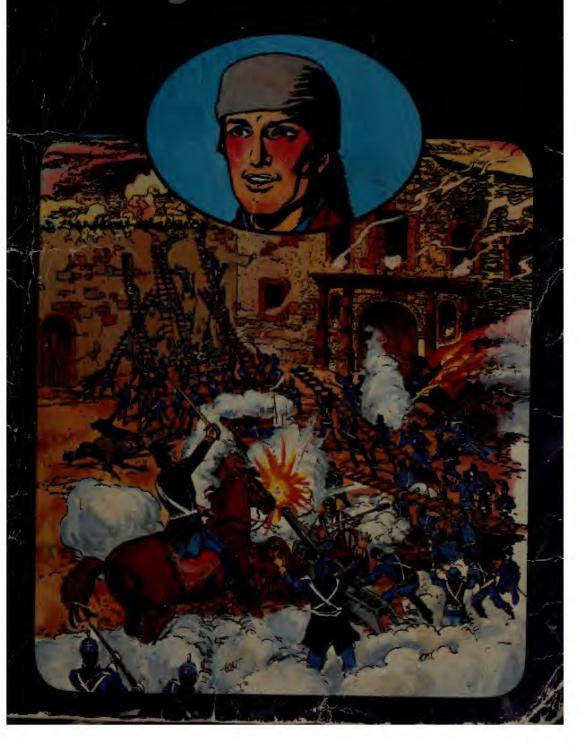
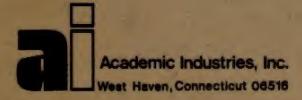
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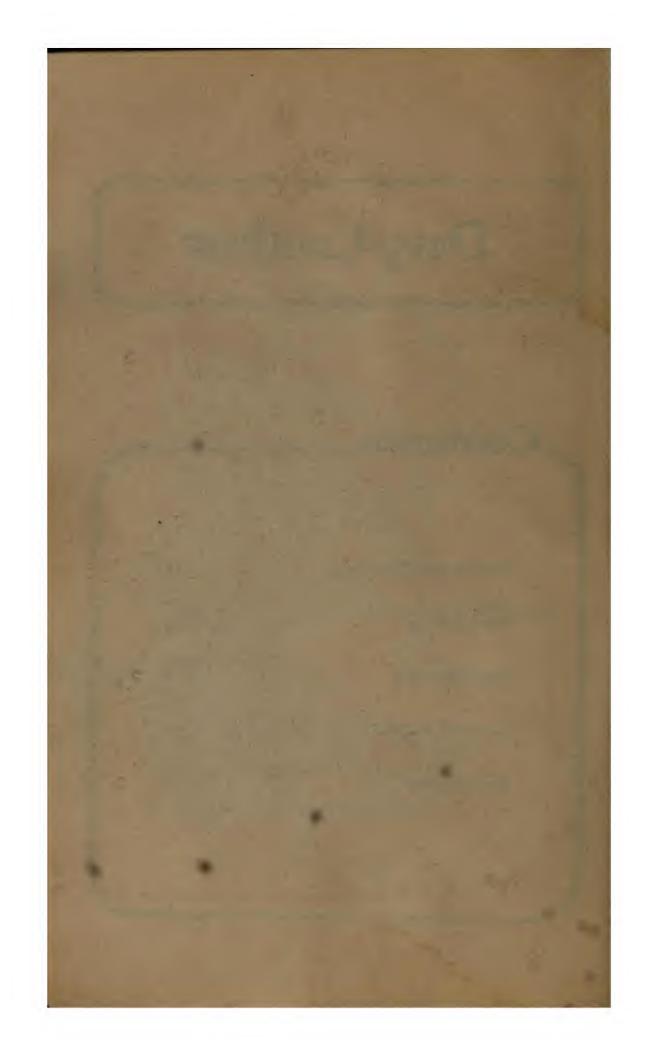
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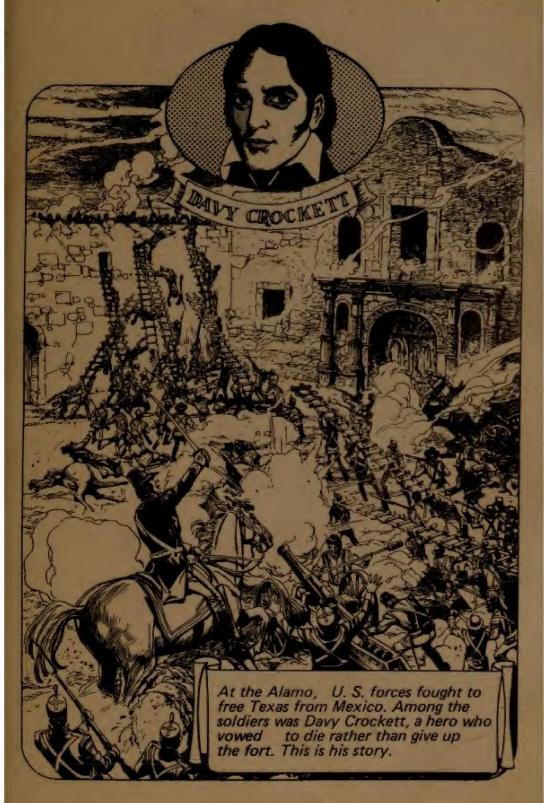
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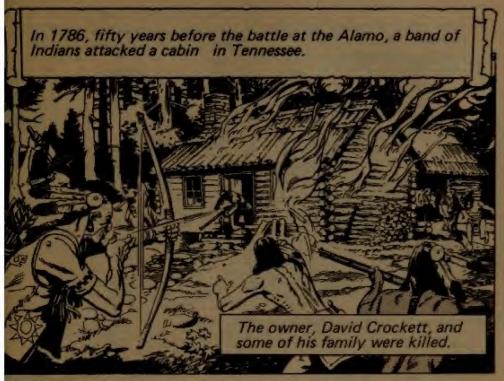






# Davy Crockett the Hunter

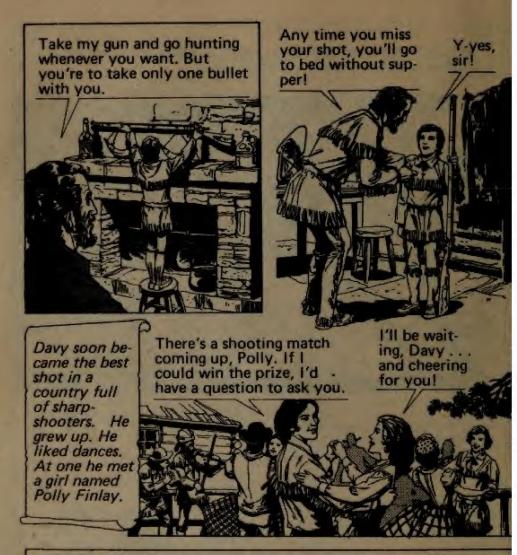




A short time later, only a few miles away, a ninth child was born to his son, John Crockett.

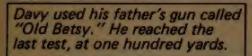






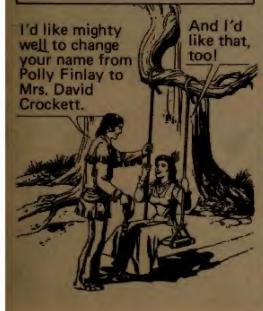
More than eighty men entered the contest. The first prize was a cow.







Davy sold his cow for five gold dollars. Then he went to Polly's house.



### A bull's-eye! The winner . . . young Davy Crockett!



Two weeks later they were married, and moved to their new home.

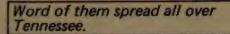
It's lovely, Davy . . . our own home!

Just as long as I pay the twentyfive cents a month rent!









That young Davy Crockett's killed enough bears to feed every person in the county!

And enough raccoons to make a cap for every man and boy!



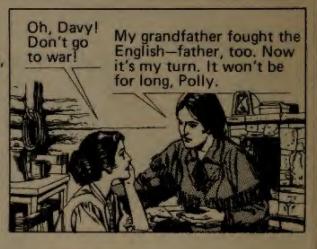
But the year was 1812. There was other more important news.

We're at war with England again. And the English are trying to get the Indians to fight against us.



At Fort Mims in Alabama, the Indians wiped out a whole town. Maybe the country can use another sharpshooter.





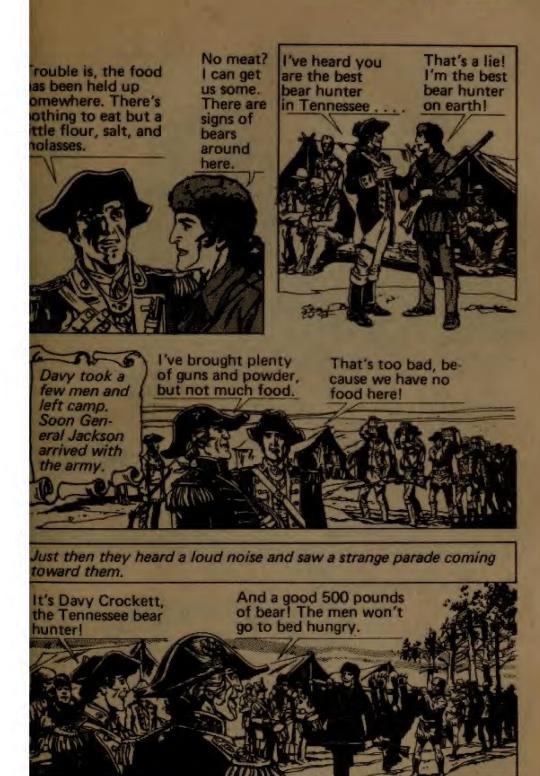
So Davy went off with his gun, leaving his dogs behind. He headed for a camp where he knew men were gathering.
Among them was Colonel John Coffee.

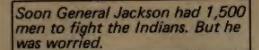
This is a good place for a camp-but where's the army?

It's on the way. And General Andrew Jackson's leading it!

## The Army Man



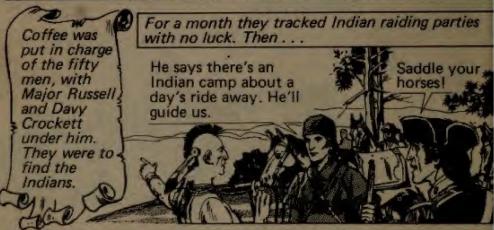




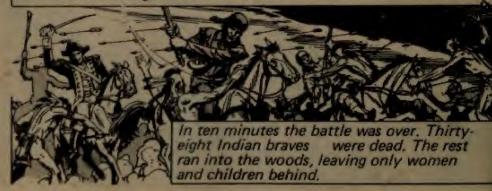
Every day there are more reports of Indian attacks. But my men have never been in a battle. They need training!

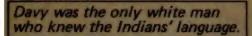


We can wait no longer. How many good fighting men could you pick out of this bunch?



At dawn the next day, Coffee and his men attacked. Bullets and arrows flew through the air.





The women think they will be killed, Tell them to get their things. We'll take them to the army camp where they'll be safe.



Back at the main army camp there was a new problem.

This man says 200 friendly Indians and several white families are at Fort Talladega. They are being attacked by 1,100 Creeks.

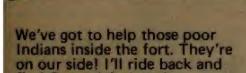


The Creeks had said that unless those in the fort joined them against the whites, they would kill them all. Jackson and his army started to move.

He sent Davy and Russell ahead to look things over.

The Creeks can take that fort any time they try!

They're telling the Indians inside the fort to come out by tomorrow!





Davy rode fast through the woods.

If the Creeks have a scout posted, they'll see me for sure.



He found Jackson's camp six miles back. Quickly, Jackson told 500 men to follow Crockett. They reached the fort just after sunrise.

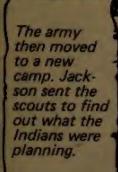


Bravely Russell and his men moved forward. The Creeks were waiting for them in thick bushes. They rushed out to attack.



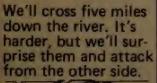
Then Crockett and his men attacked from behind. When the Creeks ran, they met American guns shooting from the other side of the fort.





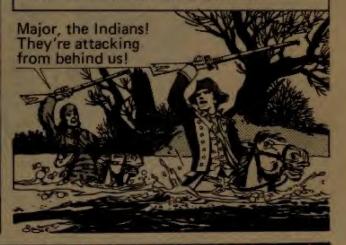
A strong group of Indians is gathered on the Tallapoosa River, close to the ford.

That's where they expect us to cross. I'll bet a thousand Indians are waiting there to ambush us!



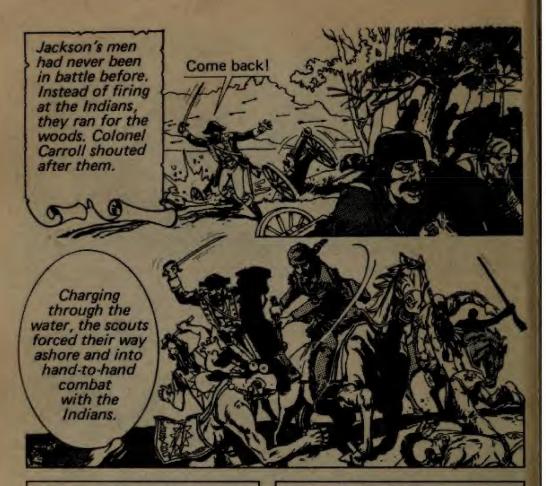


At first, everything went as planned. The main army crossed the river. The cannons crossed. Then the scouts followed.



The Indians had learned of Jackson's plan. They made a surprise attack from the rear, catching the scouts in midstream.



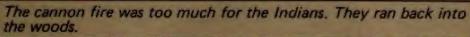


Carroll called for more men.



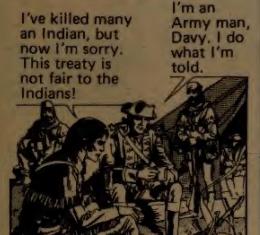
General Jackson himself came back to help fire the cannon.







#### But Davy did not like the treaty.

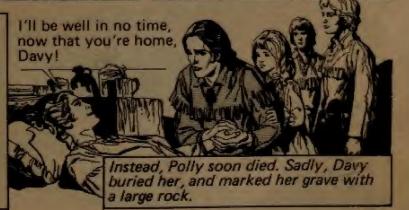


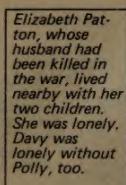
I'm a hunter and a fighter, but I guess I'm no Army man. I'll be glad to get out of it.

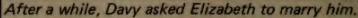


From then on, Davy was a friend of the Indians.

He left the army and went home. The children were well, but not his Polly.







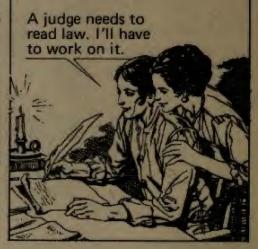


Then the Crocketts moved farther west. Their new neighbors were glad to see them.

We'd be proud to have such a well-known scout around here. Colonel Crockett!



Soon they elected Colonel Crockett a judge.





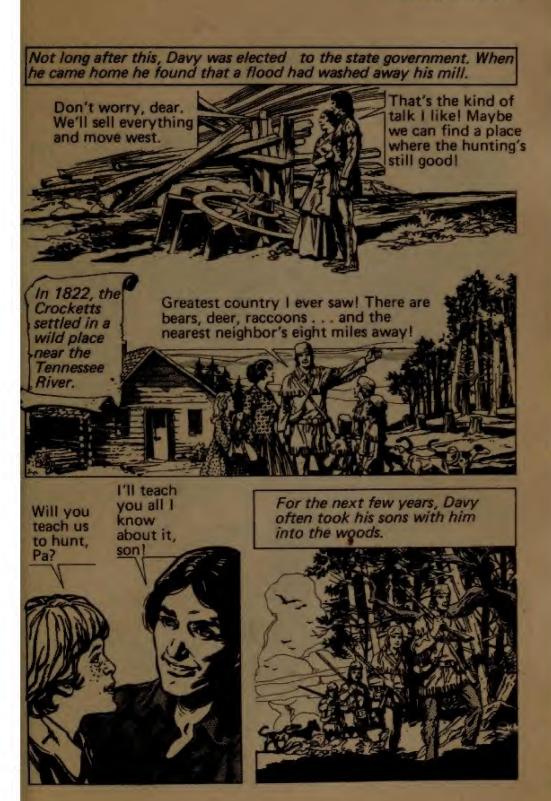
Mighty handy to get my corn and wheat ground so close to home.

It sure is. I'm glad to help.



# The Congressman





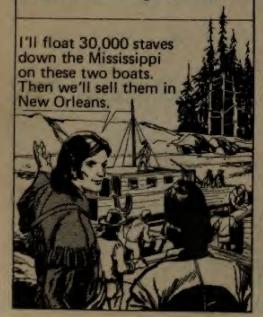
The Tennessee bear hunter was becoming known all over the country. Strangers often stopped to hear his stories.

I've heard that you hunt alligators, too, Mr. Crockett.

Well, yes. As a matter of fact, I like to tame them. I'd rather ride on a gator than in a canoe—faster ride,

less work!

Davy's business was making and selling staves. He had a group of men cutting down trees and making the staves. Another group was building flat boats.



Two of the strangers had a different question.

Crockett, will you run for congressman from Tennessee? Not now. I've just started a business. But some other time I might say yes.

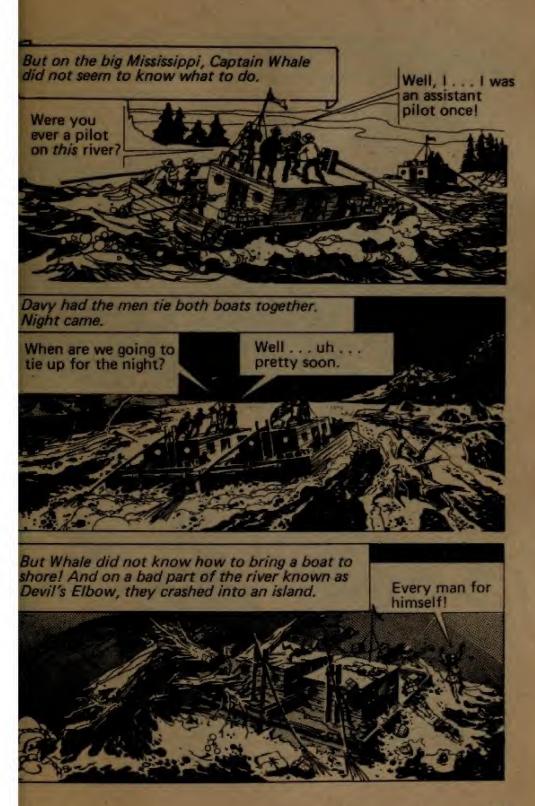


Davy hired a man named Captain Whale to pilot the boats.

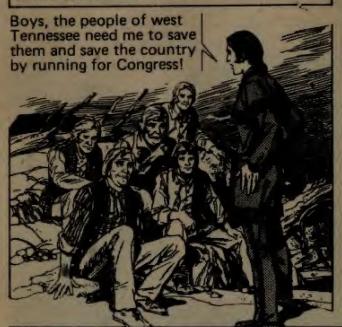
Welcome, Captain! I hear you're one of the best pilots on these rivers.

That's true, Mr. Crockett —if I do





Although they were all badly shaken, everyone reached the island safely. There Davy talked to his men.



I plan to have two laws passed—one to keep fools from going into the wood stave business, and another to hang fake river pilots!



Home again, Davy went hunting. Soon he was able to take a bundle of furs to the store to trade.



I figure I'll need a couple of fine new caps when I get to Washington!

Sounds like you're sure you're going



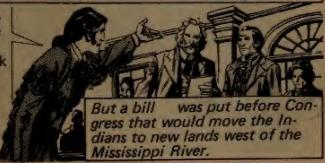
Davy did win. He had many friends, and they got people to vote for him.

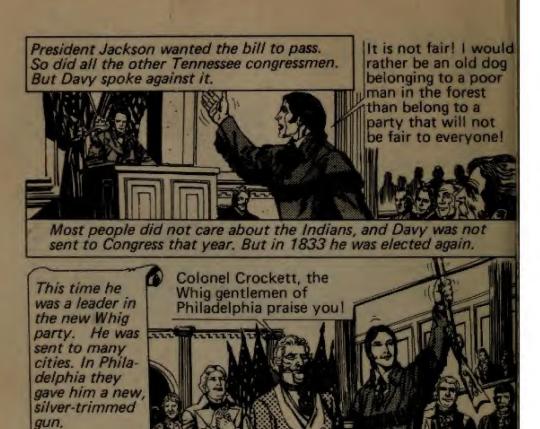
During his first two years in Congress, Davy stayed quiet and learned. But people soon grew to know him on the streets of Washington.



Gold had been found on Indian land in several southern states. These states now wanted the land for themselves.

That land belonged to the Indians before the white man ever came here! It was given back to the Indians at the end of the Creek war! We must not take it away.



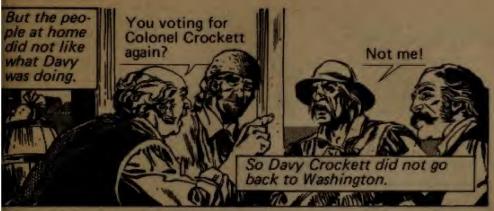


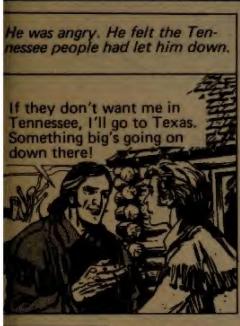




## Crockett's Last Battle

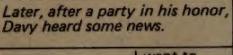












Men are gathering at San Antonio. We've held the town since December. I want to help. Will you sign me up to fight in your army?



Davy signed the paper.

We're proud to have you! We'll make you a Texas colonel!

No, no! You don't have to do that.



Davy rode south and west to San Antonio. It was night when he reached the Alamo, an old Spanish mission used as a fort.



Jim Bowie, a famous scout, rushed out to welcome Davy.



Colonels Travis and Bowie told Davy how things stood.

Santa Anna, the leader of Mexico's army, is moving toward Texas with his troops.

> He has cannons, too. We have only about 150 men at the Alamo.



Then we But every day we can hold Santa had better hold the Anna's army here. Alamo! it's a day longer for the main Texas army to get ready!

When the Mexicans arrived, they surround-ed the Alamo. Santa Anna sent a message: "Give up or die!" Travis answered, "Never!" The battle of the Alamo had begun.



Inside the Alamo there was no sleep for anyone. The men ran from one wall to another, as the Mexicans raised ladders.



Powder and bullets ran low.

I guess I'll have to start using nails!

Is it as bad as that?



By the end of the battle, men were fighting hand-to-hand. Davy and the other men fought with guns, knives, and fists until not a man among them was still alive.



They had stopped Santa Anna's army for twelve days. The men Santa Anna lost at the Alamo had been his best troops.

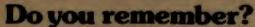
Seven weeks later, General Sam Houston and the Texas army defeated the rest of the Mexican army. They had their own battle cry.



Part of the Alamo still stands in San Antonio today. Davy Crockett was one of the small band of heroes who died there to make Texas free.



Pioneer, bear hunter, army scout, and "coonskin congressman," Davy Crockett was an American hero even in his own day.





When he went hunting, Davy took along Growler, Deathmaul, Grim, and Holdfast. They were:

a. his guns.

b. his dogs.

c. his horses.



When fighting the Creek Indians, Davy served under a man who would become President. He was:

a. General George Washington. b. General U.S. Grant. c. General Andrew Jackson.



After serving in the army, Davy moved farther west where hunting was poor. To make a living he:

a. built a grist mill. b. became a farmer. c. raised cattle.



When Davy Crockett arrived in Washington to serve in Congress, he attracted attention because:

a. he was so tall.

b. he was so famous.

c. he wore a coonskin cap.

# Quiz Yourself

(Answers at end of section)



#### Words to know

target something that is shot at

pioneer a person who lives in a

part of the country that

has not yet been settled

combat fighting, usually in a war

surrounded made a circle around

troops soldiers



### Can you use them?

Using the words above, complete the following sentences.

- The Indians \_\_\_\_\_ the fort so that no one could escape.
- 2. When the soldiers ran out of bullets, they fought each other in hand-to-hand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Davy Crockett was the first \_\_\_\_\_\_ to see the wild country beyond the mountains.
- 4. The government sent \_\_\_\_\_\_ to help the pioneers fight off the Indians.



### Using pictures

In reading illustrated stories, you will find it helpful to "read" the pictures as well as the words. Look at this picture. It shows us the kinds of weapons that were used in colonial times. We can see cannons and swords. As you are reading, look at the other pictures to see what other weapons were used then.



### While you are reading

Men like Davy Crockett helped to build our country and make it great. They could do any job they had to do, While you are reading, make a list of all the different kinds of jobs Davy Crockett had to do as he helped build our country.

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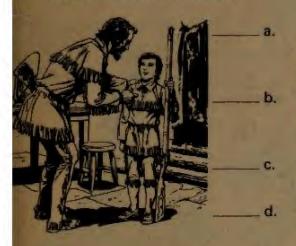
### How well did you read?

When you have finished reading, answer the following questions.

1.		he following were jobs Davy did besides being			
		an Indian fighter?			
	(Check the	correct answers.)			
	a.	He operated a grist mill.			
	b.	He ran a ferry.			
	c.	He made and sold staves.			
	d.	He sold log cabins to other settlers.  He served in the government.			
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Davy Crockett became a sharpshooter when he was only a boy because:

(Check the correct answer.)



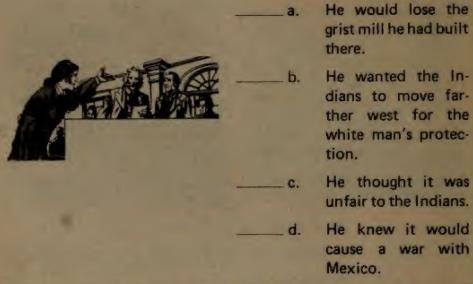
there were big prizes given to the best shot in the county.

he and his family were always fighting against the Indians.

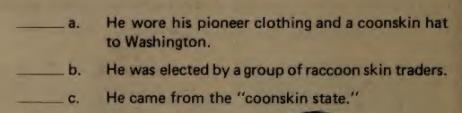
he wanted to show off for his friends.

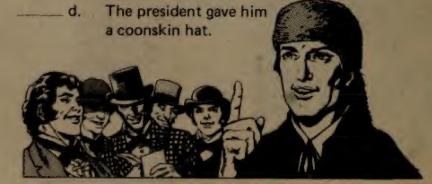
his father taught him that hunters who killed no game went hungry.

3. Why didn't Davy Crockett like the bill before Congress that would move the Indians to land west of the Mississippi?
(Check the correct answer.)

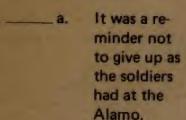


Why was Davy Crockett called the "coonskin congressman?"
 (Check the correct answer.)





5.	Why was "Remember the Alamo" used as a battle cry to help the soldiers keep fighting?
	(Check the severet severe)





- \_\_\_\_\_b. It reminded them of the brave men who fought and died at the Alamo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. It was a signal to attack.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. It was a war cry used in all wars.

### Using what you've read

When Davy Crockett was killed at the Alamo, America lost a great hero. People often put up statues of their country's heroes so

that they will never be forgotten.

Write a sign to be placed on the base of a Davy Crockett statue telling the people who come to see it why we remember Davy Crockett.

#### ANSWER KEY

#### DAVY CROCKETT

#### Can you use them?

1.	surround	led		3.	pioneer
2.	combat			4.	troops
		5.	target		

#### How well did you read?

1. a, c, e 3. c 2. d 4. a 5. b









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## Davy Crockett

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